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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

BANQUET TO CYRUS W. FIELD.—THE STORY OF THE GREAT ENTERPRISE.—Mr. Cyrus W. Field was fitly honored in New York on the evening of the 15th, with a banquet, given by the members of the Chamber of Commerce, as a tribute to his exertions in the laying of the Atlantic Cable.

Mr. Field, in a long and interesting address, gave a history of the undertaking, interspersed with many incidents illustrative of the difficulties overcome and the indomitable perseverance by which success was achieved.

The enterprise was shown to have been of purely American origin, the plan having been conceived and considered thirteen years ago, when about half a dozen gentlemen met at Mr. Field's residence, and those who came first to the work stood by it to the end. It was not till 1856 that the enterprise had any existence in England, and then the British Government began that generous course which it has continued ever since.—The expeditions of 1857 and the two of 1858 were joint efforts, but for the time they ended in failure.

When the scientific and engineering problems were solved we took heart again, and began to prepare for a fresh attempt. This was in 1863. In this country—though the war was still raging—I went from city to city, holding meetings and trying to raise capital, but with poor success. Men came and listened, and said "it was all very fine," and "hoped I would succeed," but did nothing. In one of these cities they gave a large meeting, and passed some beautiful resolutions, and appointed a committee of "solid men" to canvass the city, but I did not get a solitary subscriber. In this city I did better, though money came by the hardest. By personal solicitations, encouraged by you, sir, and other good friends, I succeeded in raising £70,000. Since not many had faith, I must present one example to the contrary, though it was not till a year later. When almost all deemed it a hopeless scheme, one gentleman of this city came to me and purchased stock of the Atlantic Telegraph Company to the amount of \$100,000. That was Mr. Loring Andrews, who is here this evening to see his faith rewarded. But at the time I speak of, it was plain that our main hope must be in England, and I went to London. There too it dragged heavily. There was a profound discouragement. Many had lost before, and were not willing to throw more money into the sea. We needed £600,000 and with our utmost efforts we had raised less than half, and there the enterprise stood in a dead lock. It was plain that we must have help from some new quarter. I looked around to find a man who had broad shoulders, and could carry a heavy load, and who would be a giant in the cause. It was at this time I was introduced to a gentleman, whom I would hold up to the American public as a specimen of a great-hearted Englishman, Mr. Thos. Brassey. You may never have heard his name, but in London he is known as one of the men who have made British capital felt in all parts of the earth. I went to see him, though with fear and trembling. He received me kindly, but put me through such an examination as I never had before. I thought I was in the witness box. He asked me every possible question, but my answers satisfied him, and he ended by saying "It was an enterprise which ought to be carried out, and that he would be one of ten men to furnish the money to do it." This was a pledge of 60,000 pounds sterling! Encouraged by this noble offer, I looked about to find another such man, though it was almost like trying to find two Welling-

tons. But he was found in Mr. Jno. Pender, of Manchester. I went to his office one day in London, and we walked together to the House of Commons, and before we got there he said he would take an equal share with Mr. Brassey.

The action of these two gentlemen was a turning point in the history of our enterprise. For it led shortly after to a union of the well known firm of Glass, Elliott & Co., with the Gutta Percha Company, making of the two one grand concern known as the "Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company," which included not only Mr. Brassey and Mr. Pender, but other men of great wealth, such as Mr. George Elliott and Mr. Barclay, of London, and Mr. Henry Bewley, of Dublin; and which thus reinforced with immense capital, took up the whole enterprise in its strong arms. We, needed, I have said, £600,000, and with all our efforts in England and America, we had raised only £285,000. This new company now came forward and offered to take the whole remaining £315,000—besides £100,000 of the bonds, and to make its own profits contingent on success! Mr. Richard A. Glass was made Managing Director, and gave energy and vigor to all its departments, being admirably seconded by the Secretary, Mr. Shuter. Mr. Mr. Glass has been recently knighted for his services in carrying out the Atlantic Telegraph—an honor which he most justly deserves.

Mr. Field thus referred to the departure of the *Great Eastern*, July 15th, 1865, on her memorable voyage;

For a week all went well; we had paid out 1200 miles of cable, and had only 600 miles farther to go, when hauling in the cable to remedy a fault, it parted and went to the bottom.—That day I can never forget—how men paced the deck in despair, looking out on the broad sea that had swallowed their hopes; and then how the brave Canning for nine days and nights dragged the bottom of the ocean for our lost treasure, and though he grappled it three times, failed to bring it to the surface. The story of that expedition, as written by Dr. Russell, who was on board the *Great Eastern*, is one of the most marvelous chapters in the whole history of modern enterprise. We returned to England defeated, yet full of resolution to begin the battle anew. Measures were at once taken to make a second cable, and fit out a new expedition, and with that assurance I came home last autumn.

In December I went back again, lo! all our hopes had sunk to nothing. The Attorney-General of England had given his written opinion that we had no legal right, without a special act of Parliament (which could not be obtained under a year), to issue the new 12 per cent. shares, on which we relied to raise our capital. This was a terrible blow. The works were at once stopped, and the money which had been paid in returned to the subscribers. Such was the state of things only ten months ago. I reached London on the 24th of December, and the next day was not a "merry Christmas" to me. But it was an inexpressible comfort to have the counsel of such men as Sir Daniel Gooch and Sir Richard A. Glass, and to hear stouthearted Mr. Brassey tell us to go ahead, and if need were he would put down £60,000 more. It was finally concluded that the best course was to organize a new company, which should assume the work, and so originated the Anglo-American Telegraph Company. It was formed by ten gentlemen who met around a table in London, and put down £10,000 apiece. I hope the excellent Secretary of this company, Mr. Deane, who came with me across the ocean, will its history, and tell the world what life and vigor were in its Board of Directors. The great Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, undaunted by the failure of last year, answered us a subscription of £100,000. Soon after the books were opened to the public, through the eminent banking house of J. S. Morgan & Co., and in fourteen days we had raised the whole £600,000. Then the work began again, and went on with speed. Never was greater energy infused into any enterprise. It was only the first day of March that the new company was formed, and was registered as a company the next day, and yet such was the vigor and dispatch that in five months from that day the cable had been manufactured,

shipped on the *Great Eastern*, stretched across the Atlantic, and was sending messages, literally swift as lightning, from continent to continent.

The next effect was recovery of the old cable with the deep-sea grapnel: At first it was a little awkward to fish in such deep water, but our men got used to it, and soon could cast a grapnel almost as straight as an old whaler throws a harpoon. Our fishing line was of formidable size. It was made of rope, twisted with wires of steel, so as to bear a strain of thirty tons. It took about two hours for the grapnel to reach bottom, but we could tell when it struck. I often went to the bow and sat on the rope, and could feel by the quiver that the grapnel was dragging on the bottom two miles under us. But it was a very slow business. We had storms and calms, and fogs and squalls. Still we worked on day after day. Once, on the 17th of August, we got the cable up and had it in full sight for five minutes, a long, slimy monster, fresh from the ooze of the ocean's bed, but our men began to cheer so wildly that it seemed to be frightened, and suddenly broke away and went into the sea.—This accident kept us at work two weeks longer; but finally, on the last night of August, we caught it. We had cast the grapnel thirty times. It was a little before midnight on Friday night that we hooked the cable, and it was a little after midnight Sunday morning when we got it on board. What was the anxiety of those twenty-six hours? The strain or every man's life was like the strain on the cable itself. When finally it appeared, it was midnight; the lights of the ship, and in the boats around our bows, as they flashed in the faces of the men, showed them eagerly watching for the cable to appear on the water. At length it was brought to the surface. All who were allowed to approach crowded forward to see it. Yet not a word was spoken, only the voices of the officers in command were heard giving orders. All felt as if life and death hung on the issue. It was only when it was brought over the bow and on to the deck that men dared to breathe. Even then they hardly believed their eyes. Some crept toward it to feel of it, to be sure it was there. Then we carried it along to the electrician's room, to see if our long sought for treasure was alive or dead. A few minutes of suspense, and a flash told of the lightning current again set free. Then did the feeling long pent up burst forth.

Our two cables do their part well. There are no way stations between Ireland and Newfoundland, where messages have to be repeated, and the lightning never lingers more than a second in the bottom of the sea. To those who feared that they might be used up or wear out, I would say, for their relief, that the old cable works a little better than the new one, but that is because it has been down longer, as time improves the quality of gutta percha. But the new one is constantly growing better. To show how delicate are these wonderful cords, it is enough to state that they can be worked with the smallest battery power. When the first cable was laid in '58, electricians thought that to send a current two thousand miles it must be almost like a stroke of lightning. But God was not in the earthquake, but in the still small voice. The other day Mr. Latimer Clark telegraphed from Ireland across the ocean and back again, with a battery formed in a lady's thimble! And now Mr. Collett writes me from Heart's Content: "I have just sent my compliments to Dr. Gould, of Cambridge, who is at Valencia, with a battery composed of a gun cap, with a strip of zinc, excited by a drop of water, the simple bulk of a tear!" A telegraph that will do that, we think nearly perfect. It has never failed for an hour or a minute.

A word about the tariff. Complaint has been made that it was so high as to be very oppressive. I beg all to remember that it is only three months and a half since the cable was laid. It was laid at a great cost and a great risk. Different companies had sunk in their attempts twelve millions of dollars. It was still an experiment, of which the result was doubtful. This, too, might prove another costly failure. Even if successful, we did not know how long it would work. Evil prophets in both countries predicted that it would not last a month. If it did, we were not sure of having more than one cable; nor how much work that one could do.—

Now these doubts are resolved. We have not only one cable, but two, both in working order; and we find instead of five words a minute, we can send fifteen. Now we are free to reduce the tariff. Accordingly it has been cut down one-half, and I hope in a few months we can bring it down to one-quarter. I am in favor of reducing it to the lowest point at which we can do the business, keeping the lines working day and night. And then—if the work grows upon us so enormously that we cannot do it—why we must go to work and lay more cables.

## NEW STOCK.

THE undersigned is now opening an entire new stock at the store formerly occupied by Meroney & Boswell, at the corner below the Bank of Camden:—

### DRY GOODS.

PRINTS, DELAINES, FLANNELS, (Red and White.) Common and Fine BED BLANKETS, CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, SATINETTS, JEANS, AND KERSEYS.

Hosiery, for Ladies and Gentlemen; Jacquet and Cambria Muslin; Brown Shirting; Long Cloths; Sheet and Pillow Case Cotton; Brown and Bleached Table Cloths; Towelling, &c., &c.

Ready Made Clothing—In Suits, COATS, PANTS, AND VESTS.

HATS—for Men and Boys. SHOES—of different qualities.

SADDLERY. Saddles, Brilles, Filling, Whips and Saddle-Bags. CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE—Common and Fine. HARDWARE—Axes, Spades, Shovels, Locks, Knives, and Forks, &c.

GROCERIES. SUGAR—Common Brown, Clarified and Crushed. COFFEE—Rio, Laguira and Java. TEAS—A fine assortment.

Superior Family Flour. CRACKERS—Fresh and of superior quality. With many other articles, which will be sold at the lowest prices for cash.

A. M. KENNEDY. Oct. 12—4f.

## Miss D. H. McEwen & Co.

ARE NOW RECEIVING A Handsome Supply OF MILLINERY GOODS, CONSISTING IN BONNETS, HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, AND EVERY THING IN THEIR LINE OF BUSINESS, ALL OF THE LATEST STYLES.

—ALSO— Dress Goods and Trimmings. They solicit a call from their friends and customers. October 5, 12 if

## J. S. MERONEY, Auctioneer.

WILL attend in person to the selling of a species of property at public sale, either in Camden or surrounding country. Persons having property of any description to dispose of, and wish my services, will be waited on by giving me timely notice. My charges for services rendered will be in keeping with the times. Oct. 26—4f.

Estate Notice. ALL persons having demands against the estate of the late Wm. McKAIN, will present the same, duly attested to JAS. M. DAVIS, my Attorney, and all persons in any way indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to him. MARY E. SHAW, Adm'x. Oct. 19—4f.

Notice. THE Notes and Accounts of Dr. THOS. W. SALMOND, for the years previous to January 1st, 1862, having been placed in my hands for collection, all persons indebted thereon must come forward and pay the same or make some satisfactory arrangement before the next Return Day, or said notes and accounts will be put in suit. W. Z. LEITNER, Attorney. nov. 9,—6f.

Special Notice. ALL persons indebted to the late firm of MATHESON & CO., either by note or open account, are requested to come forward and effect a settlement, or the papers will be placed in suit for immediate collection. MATHESON & CO., In liquidation. Oct. 12—3m.

## Drugs and Medicines.

We are now receiving a large and well selected stock of PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES, OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY.

—ALSO— FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES, In large variety, Cologne, Lubin's Extracts, Powders and Soaps, Bloom Youth, Hair Grease, Lilly White, Sozodont, Tooth and Hair Brushes, Dressing Combs, Toilet Sets, &c. &c. &c.

Also—a large assortment of KEROSENE LAMPS, Chimnies, Shades, Burners and Wicks, Kerosene Oil, Of the very best quality, always on hand. All of which will be sold as low as they can be bought any where within the State. HODGSON & DUNLAP. Camden, Nov. 16.

FRENCH CONFECTIONARY, Of the very best quality. For sale by HODGSON & DUNLAP.

PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, Window Glass and Putty. For sale by HODGSON & DUNLAP.

PURE FRENCH BRANDY and WINE, for medicinal purposes. For sale by HODGSON & DUNLAP.

NON-EXPLOSIVE KEROSENE OIL. This has been tested, and is free from danger. For sale by HODGSON & DUNLAP.

COX'S GELATINE, COOKING Wine, Cooking Extracts and Spices, of all sorts. For sale by HODGSON & DUNLAP.

ORANGES—Fresh Havana ORANGES. JAMES JONES.

Y. YGLESIAS, MERCHANT TAILOR, 52, Broad St. Charleston, S. C. LATE FOREMAN OF EDGERTON & RICHARDS.

WILL be pleased to his Old Partners and Customers, or will serve them by ORDER, at the SHORTEST NOTICE. He is enabled to do this, having kept copies of measures of Patrons for the last six or eight years. Having also just returned from New York with a full supply of the best ENGLISH, FRENCH and AMERICAN GOODS, Of the Latest Styles qualities, carefully selected under his own personal supervision, he is prepared to offer advantages seldom obtained in this country. Will either make up suits or sell by the yard. Nov. 16. (\$5) 1m

\$100 REWARD. STOLEN from the subscriber's lot near Flat Rock, Kershaw District, on the night of the 27th ult., a BAY MARE, about 15 hands high, with a scar on (I think) the left hip, about 15 hands high, has very small feet, and was unshod at the time she was taken. She works well in harness, and has a very brisk walk. I give fifty dollars for the delivery of the mare, and fifty more the thief with proof to convict him. S. A. B. SHANNON. Nov. 16. Yorkville Enquirer copy 3 times and send bill to the Camden Journal Office.

LABORERS WANTED. 75 PRIME HANDS, to work on the McRae Plantation adjoining the estate of Mr. Thomas Lang—one of the richest and most productive plantations on the Wateree River. For information, or to make contracts, apply to John Canthey, on his plantation, or to A. M. Kennedy, Camden. JOHN CANTEY, J. D. KENNEDY. Nov. 16. if

Sheriff's Sale. BY virtue of sundry writs of f. fa. to me directed, I will sell before the Court House in Camden on the first Monday in December next, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property, to-wit: One tract or piece of LAND, containing ninety (90) acres, more or less, situated in the District of Kershaw, on the waters of bounded by lands of Thomas Davis, Lewis Peebles, et al. Levied on as the property of E. B. King at the suit of Elisha Atkinson, bearer, for the benefit of his assignee. E. SILL, S. K. D. Nov. 16. (\$4.87) 3f

GUANO. THE undersigned, being the oldest importers and dealers in Guano in Charleston, inform their friends that they expect to receive a regular supply of Pure Peruvian Guano direct from the agent of the Peruvian Government at New York, which they will sell at all times at the lowest market rates. Orders promptly filled. T. J. KERR & CO., Kerr's Wharf. Charleston, Nov. 9. 6f

Notice. WM. M. SHANNON, is my authorized agent during my absence from the State. W. D. HOGAN. Nov. 16. 3f

## South-Carolina R. Road.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, CHARLESTON, Nov. 5, 1866.

On and after Nov. 5, 1866, the Camden Freight and Passenger Trains will run as follows, viz: Leave Kingsville, at 8.45 P. M. Arrive at Sanders' at 5.40 P. M. Leave Sanders' at 6.30 A. M. Arrive at Kingsville at 8.30 P. M. Leave Kingsville Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Leave Sanders' Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. H. T. PEAKE, Gen. Supt.

## GROCERIES!

WINE, LIQUORS, CIGARS, TOBACCO, PICKLES, HERRINGS, MACKAREL, CODFISH, CORN, PEAS, POTATOES, &c. At "low figures," for CASH. At T. S. MYERS' Nov. 9. if

## PHOTOGRAPHS!

Great Reduction in Prices! Now is the time to get Pictures! CARD Photographs of DAVIS, LEE and JACKSON, on hand for sale. Call soon as my stay is limited. H. C. BURR. Nov. 16,—4f.

## S. P. ANCKER, Auctioneer

Commission Merchant: CAMDEN, S. C. TENDERS his services to the public for the sale of Real Estate, Cotton and other Produce, Furniture, Horses, and every description of Merchandise. Special attention given to out-door sales. Nov. 16. 4f

## NOTICE

THE undersigned, after an absence of a few months, has returned to his old stand, and is prepared to purchase COTTON AND OTHER COUNTRY PRODUCE, For which he will give the highest market price. He is also prepared to furnish BAGGING, ROPE and TWINE; also FAMILY GROCERIES, at lowest prices. He respectfully solicits a share of the business of the District and surrounding country. He will also make advances on consignments of Cotton to Charleston, New York and Liverpool. GEORGE S. DOUGLAS. Oct. 12—4f.

## JOHNSTON, CREWS & CO. IMPORTERS

Wholesale Dealers in Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, No. 41 Hayne Street, CHARLESTON, S. C. Nov. 9. 1m

## MERCHANT'S HOTEL,

CORNER OF KING AND SOCIETY STS. Charleston, So. Ca., SAVAGE & ENSIGN, Proprietors. JESS L. SAVAGE. EDWIN D. ENSIGN. Nov. 9. 3m

## PAVILION HOTEL,

CHARLESTON, S. C. THE above POPULAR HOTEL is open for the accommodation of the Travelling Public. Board per day, \$2. Mrs. H. L. BUTTERFIELD, Proprietress. A. BUTTERFIELD, Superintendent. Nov. 9. 3m

## GUNPOWDER,

AT REDUCED PRICES, IN kegs, half kegs, quarter kegs and canisters. Quality warranted equal to any made. Apply to CHAS. H. MOISE, Wholesale Dealer in Groceries and Liquor No. 9, Hayne Street Charleston, S. C. Nov. 9. 1m

## Fine Cattle and Sheep FOR SALE.

BY permission of the Court of Ordinary for Kershaw District, I will sell at Public Sale, on Monday, the third day of December next, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Mulberry, near Camden, about fifty head of very fine DEVON CATTLE, CONSISTING OF MILCH COWS WITH YOUNG CALVES, OXEN, &c. Also—Seventy-five head of very fine SHEEP. Terms, Cash. JAMES CHESNUT, Ex'r. Nov. 9. if

The South Carolinian and Sumter Watchman will insert twice, and send bill to this office.

## Fresh Lemons.

JUST Received and for sale, at P. H. MOORE'S.